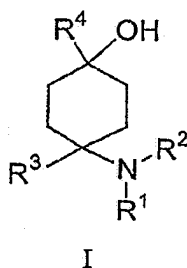


**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (original) A substituted 4-aminocyclohexanol compound corresponding to formula I,



wherein

R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> independently of one another represent H; C<sub>1-8</sub>-alkyl or C<sub>3-8</sub>-cycloalkyl, in each case saturated or unsaturated, branched or unbranched, mono- or polysubstituted or unsubstituted; aryl- or heteroaryl, in each case mono- or polysubstituted or unsubstituted; or aryl, C<sub>3-8</sub>-cycloalkyl or heteroaryl bonded via C<sub>1-3</sub>-alkylene and in each case mono- or polysubstituted or unsubstituted; wherein R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are not both H, or the radicals R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> together form a ring and represent CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>5</sup>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub> or (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3-6</sub>,

wherein

R<sup>5</sup> represents H; C<sub>1-8</sub>-alkyl or C<sub>3-8</sub>-cycloalkyl, in each case saturated or unsaturated, branched or unbranched, mono- or polysubstituted or unsubstituted; aryl- or heteroaryl, in each case mono- or polysubstituted or unsubstituted; or aryl, C<sub>3-8</sub>-cycloalkyl or heteroaryl bonded via C<sub>1-3</sub>-alkylene and in each case mono- or polysubstituted or unsubstituted;

R<sup>3</sup> represents C<sub>1-8</sub>-alkyl or C<sub>3-8</sub>-cycloalkyl, in each case saturated or unsaturated, branched or unbranched, mono- or polysubstituted or

unsubstituted; or aryl, C<sub>3-8</sub>-cycloalkyl or heteroaryl bonded via a saturated or unsaturated, branched or unbranched, substituted or unsubstituted C<sub>1-4</sub>-alkyl group and in each case unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted;

R<sup>4</sup> represents C<sub>3-8</sub>-cycloalkyl, aryl or heteroaryl, in each case unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted; -CHR<sup>6</sup>R<sup>7</sup>, -CHR<sup>6</sup>-CH<sub>2</sub>R<sup>7</sup>, -CHR<sup>6</sup>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>R<sup>7</sup>, -CHR<sup>6</sup>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>R<sup>7</sup>, -C(Y)R<sup>7</sup>, -C(Y)-CH<sub>2</sub>R<sup>7</sup>, -C(Y)-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>R<sup>7</sup> or -C(Y)-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>R<sup>7</sup>; or -R<sup>8</sup>-L-R<sup>9</sup>

wherein

Y = O, S or H<sub>2</sub>;

R<sup>6</sup> represents H; C<sub>1-7</sub>-alkyl, saturated or unsaturated, branched or unbranched, mono- or polysubstituted or unsubstituted; or C(O)O-C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkyl, saturated or unsaturated, branched or unbranched, mono- or polysubstituted or unsubstituted;

R<sup>7</sup> represents H; C<sub>3-8</sub>-cycloalkyl, aryl or heteroaryl, in each case unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted;

R<sup>8</sup> represents aryl or heteroaryl, in each case unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted;

L represents -C(O)-NH-, -NH-C(O)-, -C(O)-O-, -O-C(O)-, -O-, -S- or -S(O)<sub>2</sub>-; and

R<sup>9</sup> represents aryl or heteroaryl, in each case unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted,

or a salt thereof with a physiologically tolerated acid.

2. (original) The compound of claim 1, wherein said compound is in the form of a free base.

3. (original) The compound of claim 1, wherein said compound is present in the form of a pure enantiomer or pure diastereoisomer.

4. (original) The compound of claim 1, wherein said compound is present in the form of a mixture of stereoisomers.

5. (original) The compound of claim 1, wherein said compound is present in the form of a racemic mixture.

6. (original) The compound of claim 1, wherein said compound is present in the form of a solvate.

7. (original) The compound of claim 1, wherein said compound is present in the form of a hydrate.

8. (original) The compound of claim 1, wherein

$R^1$  and  $R^2$  independently of one another represent H or  $C_{1-8}$ -alkyl, saturated or unsaturated, branched or unbranched, mono- or polysubstituted or unsubstituted; wherein  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  are not both H,

or

$R^1$  and  $R^2$  together form a ring and represent  $CH_2CH_2OCH_2CH_2$ ,  $CH_2CH_2NR^5CH_2CH_2$  or  $(CH_2)_{3-6}$ ,

wherein  $R^5$  represents H or

$C_{1-8}$ -alkyl, saturated or unsaturated, branched or unbranched, mono- or polysubstituted or unsubstituted.

9. (original) The compound of claim 8, wherein:

$R^1$  and  $R^2$  independently of one another represent H or  $C_{1-4}$ -alkyl, saturated or unsaturated, branched or unbranched, mono- or polysubstituted or unsubstituted; where  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  are not both H,

or

$R^1$  and  $R^2$  together form a ring and represent  $(CH_2)_{4-5}$ .

10. (original) The compound of claim 9, wherein:

$R^1$  and  $R^2$  independently of one another represent methyl or ethyl or  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  together form a ring and represent  $(CH_2)_5$ .

11. (original) The compound of claim 1, wherein:

$R^3$  represents  $C_{3-8}$ -cycloalkyl, unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted; or aryl,  $C_{3-8}$ -cycloalkyl or heteroaryl bonded via a saturated or unsaturated,

unbranched, substituted or unsubstituted C<sub>1-4</sub>-alkyl group and in each case unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted.

12. (original) The compound of claim 1, wherein:

R<sup>3</sup> represents C<sub>5-6</sub>-cycloalkyl, unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted; or C<sub>5-6</sub>-cycloalkyl, phenyl, naphthyl, anthracenyl, thiophenyl, benzothiophenyl, pyridyl, furyl, benzofuranyl, benzodioxolanyl, indolyl, indanyl, benzodioxanyl, pyrrolyl, pyrimidyl or pyrazinyl bonded via a saturated, unbranched C<sub>1-2</sub>-alkyl group and in each case unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted.

13. (original) The compound of claim 1, wherein:

R<sup>3</sup> represents phenyl, pyridyl, furyl or thiophenyl bonded via a saturated, unbranched C<sub>1-2</sub>-alkyl group and in each case unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted.

14. (original) The compound of claim 1, wherein:

R<sup>4</sup> represents C<sub>3-8</sub>-cycloalkyl, aryl or heteroaryl, in each case unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted; or -R<sup>8</sup>-L-R<sup>9</sup>.

15. (original) The compound of claim 1, wherein:

R<sup>4</sup> represents cyclobutyl, cyclopropyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, cycloheptyl, cyclooctyl, anthracenyl, indolyl, naphthyl, benzofuranyl, benzothiophenyl, indanyl, benzodioxanyl, benzodioxolanyl, acenaphthyl, carbazolyl, phenyl, thiophenyl, furyl, pyridyl, pyrrolyl, pyrazinyl or pyrimidyl, fluorenyl, fluoranthenyl, benzothiazolyl, benzotriazolyl or benzo[1,2,5]thiazolyl or 1,2-dihydroacenaphthenyl, pyridinyl, furanyl, benzofuranyl, pyrazolinonyl, oxopyrazolinonyl, dioxolanyl, adamantyl, pyrimidinyl, quinolinyl, isoquinolinyl, phthalazinyl or quinazolinyl, in each case unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted; or -R<sup>8</sup>-L-R<sup>9</sup>.

16. (original) The compound of claim 1, wherein:

R<sup>4</sup> represents cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, cycloheptyl, cyclooctyl, anthracenyl, indolyl, naphthyl, benzothiazolyl, benzofuranyl, benzothiophenyl, indanyl,

benzodioxanyl, benzodioxolanyl, acenaphthyl, carbazolyl, phenyl, thiophenyl, furyl, pyridyl, pyrrolyl, pyrazinyl or pyrimidyl, in each case unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted; or -R<sup>8</sup>-L-R<sup>9</sup>.

~~16.~~ 17. (currently amended) The compound of claim 1, wherein:

R<sup>8</sup> represents indolyl, naphthyl, benzofuranyl, benzothiophenyl, indanyl, benzodioxanyl, benzodioxolanyl, acenaphthyl, carbazolyl, phenyl, thiophenyl, furyl, pyridyl, pyrrolyl, pyrazinyl or pyrimidyl, fluorenyl, fluoranthenyl, benzothiazolyl, benzotriazolyl or benzo[1,2,5]thiazolyl or 1,2-dihydroacenaphthenyl, pyridinyl, furanyl, benzofuranyl, pyrazolinonyl, oxopyrazolinonyl, pyrimidinyl, quinolinyl, isoquinolinyl, phthalazinyl or quinazolinyl, in each case unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted;  
L represents -C(O)-NH-, -NH-C(O)-, -C(O)-O-, -O-C(O)-, -O-, -S- or -S(O)<sub>2</sub>-;

or

R<sup>9</sup> represents indolyl, naphthyl, benzofuranyl, benzothiophenyl, indanyl, benzodioxanyl, benzodioxolanyl, acenaphthyl, carbazolyl, phenyl, thiophenyl, furyl, pyridyl, pyrrolyl, pyrazinyl or pyrimidyl, fluorenyl, fluoranthenyl, benzothiazolyl, benzotriazolyl or benzo[1,2,5]thiazolyl or 1,2-dihydroacenaphthenyl, pyridinyl, furanyl, benzofuranyl, pyrazolinonyl, oxopyrazolinonyl, pyrimidinyl, quinolinyl, isoquinolinyl, phthalazinyl or quinazolinyl, in each case unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted.

~~17.~~ 18. (currently amended) The compound of claim 1, wherein:

R<sup>8</sup> represents indolyl, benzothiophenyl, phenyl, thiophenyl, furyl, pyridyl, pyrrolyl, pyrazinyl or pyrimidyl, in each case unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted;

L represents -C(O)-NH-, -NH-C(O)-, -C(O)-O-, -O-C(O)- or -S(O)<sub>2</sub>-;

or

R<sup>9</sup> represents indolyl, benzothiophenyl, phenyl, thiophenyl, furyl, pyridyl, pyrrolyl, pyrazinyl or pyrimidyl, in each case unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted.

~~18.~~ 19. (currently amended) The compound of claim 1, wherein:

R<sup>8</sup> represents unsubstituted indolyl;

L represents -S(O)<sub>2</sub>-; and

R<sup>9</sup> represents unsubstituted phenyl.

~~19.~~ 20. (currently amended) The compound of claim 1, wherein:

R<sup>4</sup> represents -CHR<sup>6</sup>R<sup>7</sup>, -CHR<sup>6</sup>-CH<sub>2</sub>R<sup>7</sup>, -CHR<sup>6</sup>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>R<sup>7</sup>, -CHR<sup>6</sup>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>R<sup>7</sup>, -C(Y)R<sup>7</sup>, -C(Y)-CH<sub>2</sub>R<sup>7</sup>, -C(Y)-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>R<sup>7</sup> or -C(Y)-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>R<sup>7</sup> and Y = O, S or H<sub>2</sub>.

~~20.~~ 21. (currently amended) The compound of claim 1, wherein:

R<sup>4</sup> represents -CHR<sup>6</sup>R<sup>7</sup>, -CHR<sup>6</sup>-CH<sub>2</sub>R<sup>7</sup>, -CHR<sup>6</sup>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>R<sup>7</sup>, -C(Y)R<sup>7</sup>, -C(Y)-CH<sub>2</sub>R<sup>7</sup> or -C(Y)-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>R<sup>7</sup> and Y = O or S.

~~21.~~ 22. (currently amended) The compound of claim 1, wherein:

R<sup>4</sup> represents -CHR<sup>6</sup>R<sup>7</sup>, -CHR<sup>6</sup>-CH<sub>2</sub>R<sup>7</sup>, -C(Y)R<sup>7</sup> or -C(Y)-CH<sub>2</sub>R<sup>7</sup> and Y = O.

~~22.~~ 23. (currently amended) The compound of claim ~~[[19]]~~ 20, wherein:

R<sup>6</sup> represents H;

C<sub>1-4</sub>-alkyl, saturated or unsaturated, branched or unbranched, mono- or polysubstituted or unsubstituted; or

C(O)O-C<sub>1-4</sub>-alkyl, saturated or unsaturated, branched or unbranched, mono- or polysubstituted or unsubstituted.

~~23.~~ 24. (currently amended) The compound of claim ~~[[19]]~~ 20, wherein:

R<sup>6</sup> represents H; or

C<sub>1-4</sub>-alkyl, saturated or unsaturated, branched or unbranched, mono- or polysubstituted or unsubstituted.

~~24.~~ 25. (currently amended) The compound of claim ~~[[19]]~~ 20, wherein:

R<sup>6</sup> represents H, CH<sub>3</sub> or C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>.

~~25.~~ 26. (currently amended) The compound of claim ~~[[19]]~~ 20, wherein:

R<sup>7</sup> represents C<sub>3-8</sub>-cycloalkyl, aryl or heteroaryl, in each case unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted.

~~26.~~ 27. (currently amended) The compound of claim ~~[[19]]~~ 20, wherein:

R<sup>7</sup> represents cyclobutyl, cyclopropyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, cycloheptyl, cyclooctyl, anthracenyl, indolyl, naphthyl, benzofuranyl, benzothiophenyl, indanyl, benzodioxanyl, benzodioxolanyl, acenaphthyl, carbazolyl, phenyl, thiophenyl, furyl, pyridyl, pyrrolyl, pyrazinyl or pyrimidyl, fluorenyl, fluoranthenyl, benzothiazolyl, benzotriazolyl or benzo[1,2,5]thiazolyl or 1,2-dihydroacenaphthenyl, pyridinyl, furanyl, benzofuranyl, pyrazolinonyl, oxopyrazolinonyl, dioxolanyl, adamantyl, pyrimidinyl, quinolinyl, isoquinolinyl, phthalazinyl or quinazolinyl, in each case unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted.

~~27.~~ 28. (currently amended) The compound of claim ~~[[19]]~~ 20, wherein:

R<sup>7</sup> represents cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, cycloheptyl, cyclooctyl, anthracenyl, indolyl, naphthyl, benzofuranyl, benzothiophenyl, indanyl, benzodioxanyl, benzodioxolanyl, acenaphthyl, carbazolyl, phenyl, thiophenyl, furyl, pyridyl, pyrrolyl, pyrazinyl or pyrimidyl, in each case unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted.

~~28.~~ 29. (currently amended) The compound of claim 1, wherein said compound is selected from the group consisting of:

- 4-benzyl-4-dimethylamino-1-phenethylcyclohexanol and the corresponding hydrochloride,
- 4-dimethylamino-1,4-diphenethylcyclohexanol and the corresponding hydrochloride,
- 4-benzyl-4-dimethylamino-1-[2-(2-fluorophenyl)ethyl]cyclohexanol and the corresponding hydrochloride,
- 4-benzyl-4-dimethylamino-1-[2-(4-fluorophenyl)ethyl]cyclohexanol and the corresponding hydrochloride,
- 4-dimethylamino-4-(2-fluorobenzyl)-1-phenethylcyclohexanol and the corresponding hydrochloride,
- 4-dimethylamino-4-(3-fluorobenzyl)-1-phenethylcyclohexanol and the corresponding hydrochloride,

- 4-dimethylamino-4-(4-fluorobenzyl)-1-phenethylcyclohexanol and the corresponding hydrochloride,
- 4-benzyl-4-dimethylamino-1-[2-(3-fluorophenyl)ethyl]cyclohexanol and the corresponding hydrochloride
- 4-benzyl-4-dimethylamino-1-(2-fluorobenzyl)cyclohexanol and the corresponding hydrochloride,
- 4-(allylmethylamino)-4-benzyl-1-phenethylcyclohexanol and the corresponding hydrochloride,
- 4-benzyl-4-dimethylamino-1-(3-fluorobenzyl)cyclohexanol and the corresponding hydrochloride,
- 4-benzyl-4-dimethylamino-1-(4-fluorobenzyl)cyclohexanol and the corresponding hydrochloride,
- 1-benzyl-4-dimethylamino-4-(3-fluorobenzyl)cyclohexanol and the corresponding hydrochloride,
- 4-benzyl-1-phenethyl-4-pyrrolidin-1-ylcyclohexanol and the corresponding hydrochloride,
- 4-benzyl-4-dimethylamino-1-(1-methyl-1H-indol-2-yl)cyclohexanol,
- 1-benzo[b]thiophen-2-yl-4-benzyl-4-dimethylaminocyclohexanol,
- 1-benzo[b]thiophen-3-yl-4-benzyl-4-dimethylaminocyclohexanol and
- 1-benzofuran-2-yl-4-benzyl-4-dimethylamino-cyclohexanol.

~~29.~~ 30. (currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising:

at least one substituted 4-aminocyclohexanol compound according to claim 1 and an auxiliary agent.

~~30.~~ 31. (currently amended) The pharmaceutical composition of claim ~~[[29]]~~ 30, wherein said compound is present in the form of a free base.

~~31.~~ 32. (currently amended) The pharmaceutical composition of claim ~~[[29]]~~ 30, wherein said compound is present in the form of a pure enantiomer or pure diastereoisomer.



~~32.~~ 33. (currently amended) The pharmaceutical composition of claim ~~[[29]]~~ 30, wherein said compound is present in the form of a mixture of stereoisomers.

~~33.~~ 34. (currently amended) The pharmaceutical composition of claim ~~[[29]]~~ 30, wherein said compound is present in the form of a racemic mixture.

~~34.~~ 35. (currently amended) The pharmaceutical composition of claim ~~[[29]]~~ 30, wherein said compound is present in the form of a solvate.

~~35.~~ 36. (currently amended) The pharmaceutical composition of claim ~~[[29]]~~ 30, wherein said compound is present in the form of a hydrate.

~~36.~~ 37. (currently amended) The pharmaceutical composition of claim ~~[[29]]~~ 30, further comprising an opioid or an anesthetic.

~~37.~~ 38. (currently amended) The pharmaceutical composition of claim ~~[[36]]~~ 37, wherein said opioid is morphine.

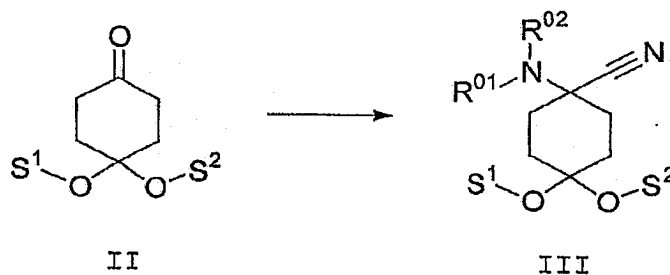
~~38.~~ 39. (currently amended) The pharmaceutical composition of claim ~~[[36]]~~ 37, wherein said anesthetic is hexobarbital or halothane.

~~39.~~ 40. (currently amended) A method of alleviating pain selected from the group consisting of acute pain, chronic pain and neuropathic pain in a mammal, said method comprising administering to said mammal an effective pain alleviating amount of a compound according to claim 1 or coadministering to said mammal an effective amount of a compound according to claim 1 with an opioid analgesic or with an anesthetic.

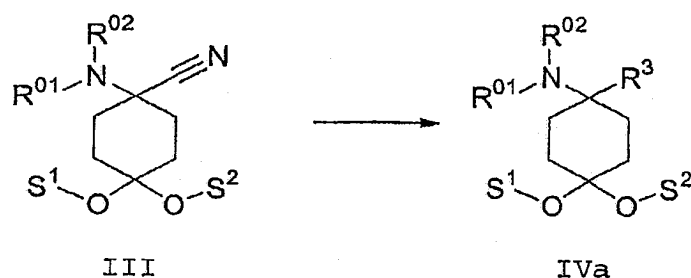
40-42. (canceled)

~~43.~~ 44. (currently amended) A process for producing a substituted 4-aminocyclohexanol compound according to claim 1 comprising the steps of  
a. reacting a cyclohexane-1,4-dione, protected with the groups S<sup>1</sup> and S<sup>2</sup>,  
according to formula II with a cyanide in the presence of a compound of the

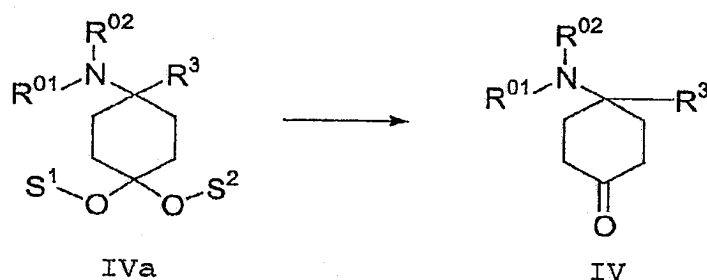
formula  $\text{HNR}^{01}\text{R}^{02}$  to give a protected N-substituted 1-amino-4-oxo-cyclohexanecarbonitrile compound corresponding to formula III;



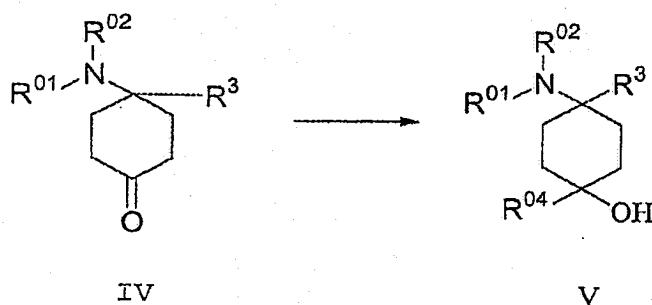
- b. reacting the compound according to formula III with organometallic reagents corresponding to the formula metal- $\text{R}^3$ , so that a compound corresponding to formula IVa is formed;



- c. removing the protective groups  $\text{S}^1$  and  $\text{S}^2$  on the compound corresponding to formula IVa to form a 4-substituted 4-aminocyclohexanone compound corresponding to formula IV;



- d. reacting the 4-substituted 4-aminocyclohexanone compound corresponding to formula IV with organometallic reagents corresponding to the formula metal- $\text{R}^3$  to form compound corresponding to formula V;



wherein

$R^{01}$  and  $R^{02}$  independently of one another represent H; H provided with a protective group;  $C_{1-8}$ -alkyl or  $C_{3-8}$ -cycloalkyl, in each case saturated or unsaturated, branched or unbranched, mono- or polysubstituted or unsubstituted; aryl-, or heteroaryl, in each case mono- or polysubstituted or unsubstituted; or aryl,  $C_{3-8}$ -cycloalkyl or heteroaryl bonded via  $C_{1-3}$ -alkylene and in each case mono- or polysubstituted or unsubstituted;  
 or the radicals  $R^{01}$  and  $R^{02}$  together form a ring and represent  $CH_2CH_2OCH_2CH_2$ ,  $CH_2CH_2NR^{05}CH_2CH_2$  or  $(CH_2)_{3-6}$ ,

wherein  $R^{05}$  represents H; H provided with a protective group;  $C_{1-8}$ -alkyl or  $C_{3-8}$ -cycloalkyl, in each case saturated or unsaturated, branched or unbranched, mono- or polysubstituted or unsubstituted; aryl-, or heteroaryl, in each case mono- or polysubstituted or unsubstituted; or aryl,  $C_{3-8}$ -cycloalkyl or heteroaryl bonded via  $C_{1-3}$ -alkylene and in each case mono- or polysubstituted or unsubstituted;

$R^{04}$  represents H; H provided with a protective group;  $C_{3-8}$ -cycloalkyl, aryl or heteroaryl, in each case unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted;  $-CHR^6R^7$ ,  $-CHR^6-CH_2R^7$ ,  $-CHR^6-CH_2-CH_2R^7$ ,  $-CHR^6-CH_2-CH_2-CH_2R^7$ ,  $-C(Y)R^7$ ,  $-C(Y)-CH_2R^7$ ,  $-C(Y)-CH_2-CH_2R^7$  or  $-C(Y)-CH_2-CH_2-CH_2R^7$ ; or  $-R^8-L-R^9$

wherein  $Y = O, S$  or  $H_2$ ,

and  $S^1$  and  $S^2$  independently of one another represent protective groups or together represent a protective group.

~~44.~~ 45. (currently amended) The process of claim ~~[[43]]~~ 44, wherein S<sup>1</sup> and S<sup>2</sup> together represent a monoacetal group.

~~45.~~ 46. (currently amended) The process of claim ~~[[43]]~~ 44, wherein step a) further comprises:

acylating, alkylating or sulfonating the compound corresponding to formula III in any sequence and optionally repeatedly; or

where R<sup>01</sup>, R<sup>02</sup> or R<sup>06</sup> = H ~~protected~~ provided with a protective group, removing at least one protective group and optionally acylating, alkylating or sulfonating the compound corresponding to formula III; or

where R<sup>01</sup> or R<sup>02</sup> or R<sup>06</sup> = H, introducing at least one protective group and optionally acylating, alkylating or sulfonating the compound corresponding to formula III.

~~46.~~ 47. (currently amended) The process of claim ~~[[43]]~~ 44, wherein step b) further comprises:

acylating, alkylating or sulfonating the compound corresponding to formula IVa in any sequence and optionally repeatedly; or

where R<sup>01</sup>, R<sup>02</sup> or R<sup>06</sup> = H ~~protected~~ provided with a protective group, removing at least one protective group and optionally acylating, alkylating or sulfonating the compound corresponding to formula IVa; or

where R<sup>01</sup> or R<sup>02</sup> or R<sup>06</sup> = H, introducing at least one protective group and optionally acylating, alkylating or sulfonating the compound corresponding to formula IVa.

~~47.~~ 48. (currently amended) The process of claim ~~[[43]]~~ 44, wherein step c) further comprises:

acylating, alkylating or sulfonating the compound corresponding to formula IV in any sequence and optionally repeatedly; or

where R<sup>01</sup>, R<sup>02</sup> or R<sup>06</sup> = H ~~protected~~ provided with a protective group, removing at least one protective group and optionally acylating, alkylating or sulfonating the compound corresponding to formula IV; or

where  $R^{01}$  or  $R^{02}$  or  $R^{06} = H$ , introducing at least one protective group and optionally acylating, alkylating or sulfonating the compound corresponding to formula IV.

~~48.~~ 49. (currently amended) The process of claim ~~[[43]]~~ 44, wherein step d) further comprises:

acylating, alkylating or sulfonating the compound corresponding to formula V in any sequence and optionally repeatedly; or

where  $R^{01}$ ,  $R^{02}$  or  $R^{06} = H$  ~~protected~~ provided with a protective group, removing at least one protective group and optionally acylating, alkylating or sulfonating the compound corresponding to formula V; or

where  $R^{01}$  or  $R^{02}$  or  $R^{06} = H$ , introducing at least one protective group and optionally acylating, alkylating or sulfonating the compound corresponding to formula V.

~~49.~~ 50. (currently amended) The process of claim ~~[[43]]~~ 44, wherein the protective groups on H in  $R^{01}$ ,  $R^{02}$ ,  $R^{04}$  or  $R^{05}$  are selected from the group consisting of alkyl groups, benzyl groups and carbamates.

~~50.~~ 51. (currently amended) The process of claim ~~[[49]]~~ 50, wherein the protective groups are selected from the group consisting of fluorenylmethyl-chloroformate (Fmoc), benzyloxycarbonyl (Z) and tert-butyloxycarbonyl (Boc).

~~51.~~ 52. (currently amended) The process of claim ~~[[43]]~~ 44, wherein the cyanide of step a) is potassium cyanide.

~~52.~~ 53. (currently amended) The process of claim ~~[[43]]~~ 44, wherein the organometallic reagents of step b) are Grignard or organolithium reagents.

~~53.~~ 54. (currently amended) The process of claim ~~[[43]]~~ 44, wherein the organometallic reagents of step d) are Grignard or organolithium reagents.